(b) whether Government have issued any directives to this Board for recommending the dealership for petrol pumps;

(c) whether the recommendations of the Board are obligatory;

(d) the total number of recommendations made by the Board for dealership of petrol pumps in Uttar Pradesa till date; and

(e) the number of such recommendations accepted by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (e) Oil Selection Boards have been constituted by the Government for selection of dealers/distributors of petroleum products on the basis of the interviews of the eligible candidates, who apply in response to the advertisements of the oil marketing companies. Recommendations of the Oil Selection Boards, which are normally obligatory are not referred to Government for consideration. These are sent by them to the concerned oil companies for issue of Letters of Intent.

Composition of the Oil Selection Board for Uttar Pradesh is as under:—

(i) Justice Shri S. H. Abidi (Retd.) —Chairman

(ii) Vacant (S.C./S.T./Weaker Section Member) —Member

(iii) Shri J. N. Tiwari —Member

Based on the recommendations of the Oil Selection Board (U.P.), oil companies have issued 153 Letters of Intent for petrol/diesel retail outlets.

Marketing of adultrated LPG in Delhi

165. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of marketing of LPG cylinders filled with water in some areas of Delhi like Vikaspuri, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken to check the marketing of such cylinders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Performance of Oil Refineries

166. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state.

(a) the performance of Oil refineries during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to privatise some oil refineries;

(c) whether Government have allowed private sector to set up oil refineries; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) The performance of refineries during the last three years with respect to capacity utilisation was as under:—

Year	Percentage capacity utilisation
1991-92 . . .	99.2
1992-93 . . .	103.1
1993-94 . . .	102.0

(b) to (d) Government has welcomed proposals for private investment, in oil sector including refining. In pursuance of this objective, inter alia, (i) the proposals of 9 parties for setting up of refineries in private sector have been cleared by the Government and (ii) Government have also disinvested partly the equity

holdings in some of the public sector oil marketing and refining companies viz. BPCL, HPCL, MRL CRL and BRPL.

Distributionship of LPG and Petrol retail outlet in Haryana

167. S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of LPG distributors in the State of Haryana together with the number of consumers of LPG as on 1st November, 1994 (Petroleum Company-wise);

(b) by when the entire population of Haryana is likely to be covered by the LPG connections and what are the guidelines|plans of the Central Government in this regard;

(c) what is the mechanism|authority working to redress the grivances of the consumers regarding various malpractices in the distribution of LPG; and

(d) what is the number of petrol retail outlets in the State of Haryana (Company-wise) and Government's plans for expansion of this network in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) As on 1.10.1994, there were 136 LPG distributorships in Haryana with a customer population of 6.63 lakhs as detailed below:

Company	Distributors	CustomerPopulation (in lakhs)
IOC	71	3.87
HPC	27	0.82
BPC	38	1.94

(b) As on 1.10.1994, there were 3.90 lakhs applicants on waitng list in Haryana. Efforts are constantly on to release LPG connections to as many applicants and as early as possible, subject to availability of the product.

(c) The LPG Consumers can approach Customer Service Cells or Officers of the LPG Marketing Companies, for redressal of their grievances against services rendered by LPG distributors. Besides, the consumers can also approach the Consumer Redressal Forums and MRTP Commission.

(d) Company-wise number of retail outlet dealerships as on 1.10.1994 in Haryana is as under:

IOC	197
HPC	120
BPC	99
IBP	94
TOTAL :	510

47 retail outlets have been included in the current RO marketing plan 1988-93 for the State.

हरियाणा के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में रसोई गैस कनेक्शन जारी करना और रसोई गैस अभिकरण खोलना

168. **श्री रामजीलाल** : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राशन कार्ड के आधार पर गैस कनैक्शन जारी करते समय सरकार ग्रामीण लोगों के साथ भेद भाव बरतती है जबकि नगर क्षेत्रों में इसी आधार पर गैस कनैक्शन दिए जाते हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो हरियाणा के गांवों में दिए गए गैस कनैक्शनों का ब्यौरा क्या है ;